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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO AMBASSADORS SPEECH THAT GOJ WILL
WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH USG TO SOLVE TRADE PROBLEMS

1. MAJOR JAPANESE-LANGUAGE EVENING NEWSPAPERS JULY 19 GAVE
UNUSUALLY HEAVY FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD'S
LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF JAPAN COVERING
MANY FACETS OF US-ASIAN POLICY AND BILATERAL US-JAPANESE
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WHILE OTHER MAJOR POINTS
ACCURATELY REPORTED, MEDIA CHOSE TO EMPHASIZE AMBASSADOR'S
WARNING THAT SHARP INCREASES IN JAPANESE EXPORTS TO US COULD
DEVELOP INTO POLITICAL PROBLEM, AND STRESS HIS CONCERN
THAT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE PROBLEM "EXPLODES IN
RECRIMINATION." YOMIURI REPORTER TOLD EMBOFFS THAT FONOFF,
IN PRESS BACKGROUNDER, ASSERTED IT WAS ATTACHING SPECIAL
IMPORTANCE TO AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON US-JAPANESE
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN "YOMIURI"
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JULY 20 (NOTED THAT MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE
AND INDUSTRY (MITI) DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN
ESPECIALLY SHOCKED BY AMBASADOR'S SPEECH.

2. THREE-PAGE REPORT IN NIHON KEIZAI JULY 20
STATED THAT MITI IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS,
INTENDD TO STRESS TO INDUSTRIAL CIRCLES THAT THEY

SHOULD MODERATE PACE OF EXPORTS THROUGH SELF-RESTRAINT
AND THE RAISING OF EXPORT PRICES, AND ALSO HOPED TO
HASTEN THE HOLDING OF CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON
BILATEAL TRADE, IF POSSIBLE WITHIN MONTH. REPORT
ABSERTEED THAT BECAUSE OF AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH,
GOVERNMENT HAD MOVED OFF DEAD CENTER AND WAS NOW
WILLING TO CONDUCT DIALOGUE WITH US "IN A POSITIVE
WAY" TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO TRADE PROBLEMS. CITING
ONE EXAMPLE, REPORT SAID THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE
EXCHANGED WITH RELEVANT US OFFICIALS AT OECD IRON
AND STEEL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING TO OPEN IN PARIS
JULY 20.

3. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF SPEECH TO EA/J.
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